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# Oregon to rely on Miller

By Jeff Korbek  
First Down Reporter

If Oregon Coach Rich Brooks is looking for any one player that could lead the Oregon Ducks to a winning season, then senior quarterback Chris Miller is it.

Miller bears much of the offensive load after Oregon lost Pac-Ten all-conference performers Lew Barnes and Tony Cherry at wide receiver and tailback.

Barnes, the number four receiver in the conference and the team's leading receiver last year, was drafted by the Chicago Bears. Cherry finished second in rushing in the Pac Ten last season finishing behind All-American Reuban Mayes of Washington. Cherry was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers.

Miller led the Ducks to a 5-6 season in 1985. Not bad considering the Ducks could have been 8-3. Oregon lost three of four games decided by six points or less.

Along the way Miller racked up some impressive statistics. He led the conference in touchdowns with 22, 18 of them coming through the air. He completed 55 percent of his passes and led the team in total offense with 210.7 yards per game. He earned all-conference status at his position



Brooks

and finished second in the voting for Pac Ten offensive player of the year.

This year Miller has led his team to a 2-1 start with victories over San Jose State and Colorado. Last week Oregon lost to Pac Ten opponent Arizona 41-17. Down 24-7 at the half, Oregon rallied to come within 14. But their comeback hopes were thwarted when Miller threw two interceptions in the last quarter.

Today's game against Nebraska is the second appearance against the Cornhuskers in as many years. Last year the Huskers routed Oregon 63-0 in Lincoln. Nebraska used six turnovers and a 156-yard rushing performance from reserve I-back Paul Miles to leave the Ducks with one of their worst losses in the school's history.

Brooks has tried to put together a team that may provide the Huskers with a stiffer challenge this year. The Ducks return seven starters from last year's defense, and four on the offense.

Offensively, junior split end Sam Archer, junior flanker J.J. Birden and returning starter, senior Bobby DeBisschop at tight end will try and pick up the slack left by Barnes departure.

Junior James Harper replaces Cherry at tailback. He played in eight games last season gaining 30 yards on 12 carries, scoring one touchdown.

The only other returning starters are 6-4, 257 pound left guard Brad Smith and 6-3, 264 pound senior Garrett Holmes at center. The rest of the offense is young and inexperienced.

The strength of the Oregon team is the defense. Starters return at all three of the four line positions and two of three line-backer spots. Returning on the line include: Rollin Putzier, a 6-5, 275-pound junior, at left tackle, Dave Maley, a 6-4, 275-pound senior, at right tackle and Rob Marshall, a 6-6, 232-pound senior at right end.

At the linebackers, senior Darrin Golka returns in the middle and senior Dan Devaney on the strong side.

Two of the four defensive backs also return. At strong safety Anthony Newman and at free safety Ed Hurlburt return to starting positions.

Oregon's kicking game remains intact from last year. The Ducks return the conference's leading punter and school record holder in senior Mike Preacher. At placekicker senior Matt MacLeod returns to continue his record of consecutive point after attempts. At season start MacLeod had connected on 58 straight. He also converted 21 of 27 field goals in his career.

## On the Cover...

Nebraska's Danny Noonan eludes an attempted block by an Illinois defender during the Cornhuskers 59-14 victory over the Fighting Illinois. Noonan, a senior from Lincoln, is already being mentioned as a candidate for both the Outland and Lombardi trophies. For more on Noonan, see pages four and five.

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Nebraska's Danny Noonan (95) pursues former Illinois quarterback Jack Trudeau during the Cornhuskers 52-25 victory over the Fighting Illini last season.

## Noonan stabilizes NU defense

By Jeff Korbelik  
First Down Reporter

Nebraska senior middle guard Danny Noonan didn't have any tackles in last Saturday's victory over Illinois: Not one unassisted, not even an assisted tackle.

Illinois intentionally avoided Noonan.

He only played a portion of the game because the Cornhuskers built an early lead and was able to use reserves against the Big Ten power. But even when he was in there he couldn't have bought a tackle. Only Superman could have gotten to the ball carrier or the quarterback.

The Illini offense wanted to keep the ball away from him. They tried everything. They ran away from him and when they threw the ball they used three offensive linemen to stop his pass rush.

The play of Noonan opened up the rest of the Nebraska defense, especially for

defensive tackles Lee Jones and Chris Spachman. The Husker defense held the Illinois running game to a net of three yards on 29 carries and Illini quarterbacks threw 40 passes completing only 18 for 204 yards and one interception.

Noonan said he was surprised by the triple team.

"It was the first game that I had tripled team," he said. "I had been doubled team before and found it possible to get in there. It really opened things up for Chris and Lee."

It didn't disappoint him that he didn't have any tackles.

"I didn't play that bad," he said. "They tripled teamed every pass play except one. It's tough to go against three guys the whole game."

Illinois probably tripled team Noonan because of his performance in the Florida

State game. Noonan was credited with six tackles, four of them sacks for a minus 23 yards.

Charlie McBride, Nebraska's defensive coordinator and defensive line coach, calls Noonan "dominating."

Bob Els, Noonan's high school coach at Lincoln Northeast, now retired, called him a "step above" the other players in high school.

And others have termed him as the next person to win the Outland and Lombardi trophies.

Noonan shies away from talk about possible awards.

"That stuff is nice, but what I would really like would be a national championship," Noonan said. "If I play up to my potential things like that fall into place."

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Noonan described himself as an aggressive player that gives a hundred percent everytime. That kind of attitude carried over from his high school days, Els said. He played both middle guard and defensive tackle in high school and played them well. He only weighed 215 to 220 pounds, but he had quickness and size, Els said.

He entered the Nebraska program with a bench press of 315 pounds and a 40-yard dash time of a little over five seconds. Now, Noonan is the second strongest player on the team, benching 485 pounds (back-up middle guard Lawrence Pete benches 500) and has reduced his 40 time to 4.88 seconds. He also weighs 280 pounds.

"I had the tools and I was tall — about 6-3, 6-4," Noonan said about first coming here. "The coaches saw something in me." I use my hands well. That's what coach McBride said. Younger players don't usually use their hands so well."

Noonan started out as a defensive tackle and switched to middle guard in the spring of 1985. He said he is more comfortable playing at middle guard, but the move could have cost him a shot at all-Big Eight honors last year. Noonan finished on the all-Big Eight second team behind Oklahoma's Tony Casillas. Casillas won the Otuland Trophy last year and currently starts for the National Football League's Atlanta Falcons.

McBride rated the two equally.

"He was just as good as Tony last year," McBride said. "Tony was the senior and earned all the recognition. He was a great player and Danny is every bit as good."

With all the national recognition and the media attention Noonan is receiving, he finds himself in the public's eye. He captured that eye's attention last summer when he was arrested for assault, disturbing the peace, destroying the property of others and hindering arrest following an altercation at a Lincoln bar.

Noonan resolved the incident and said he has put it behind him.

"It was an unfortunate thing but I don't let it bother me," he said.

He said the incident hasn't really tarnished his image. He said his teammates and his parents know that he is not that type of person, a troublemaker. It's the people that really don't know him that blow it out of proportion, he said.



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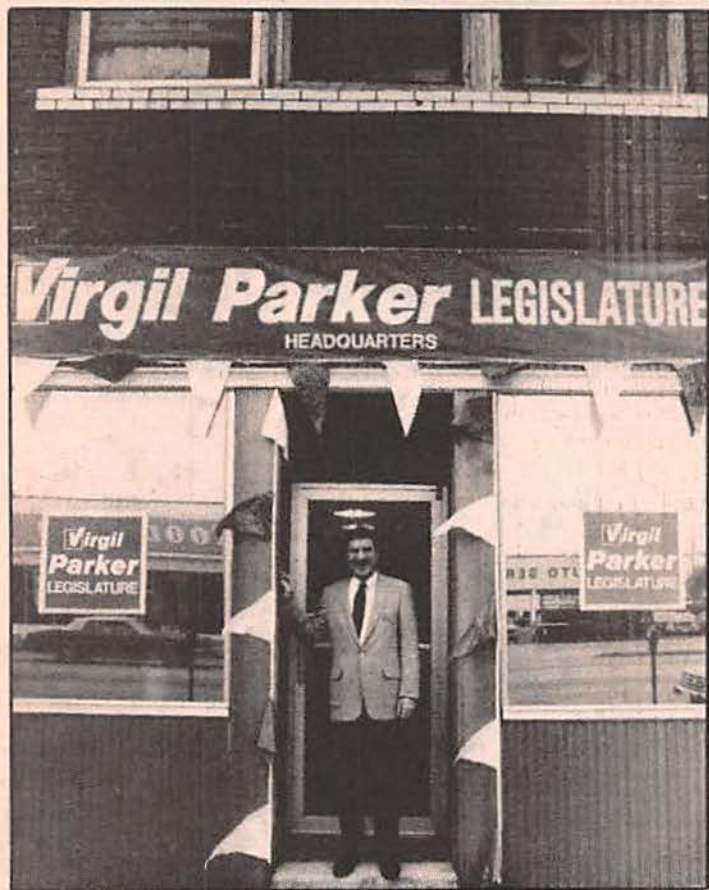
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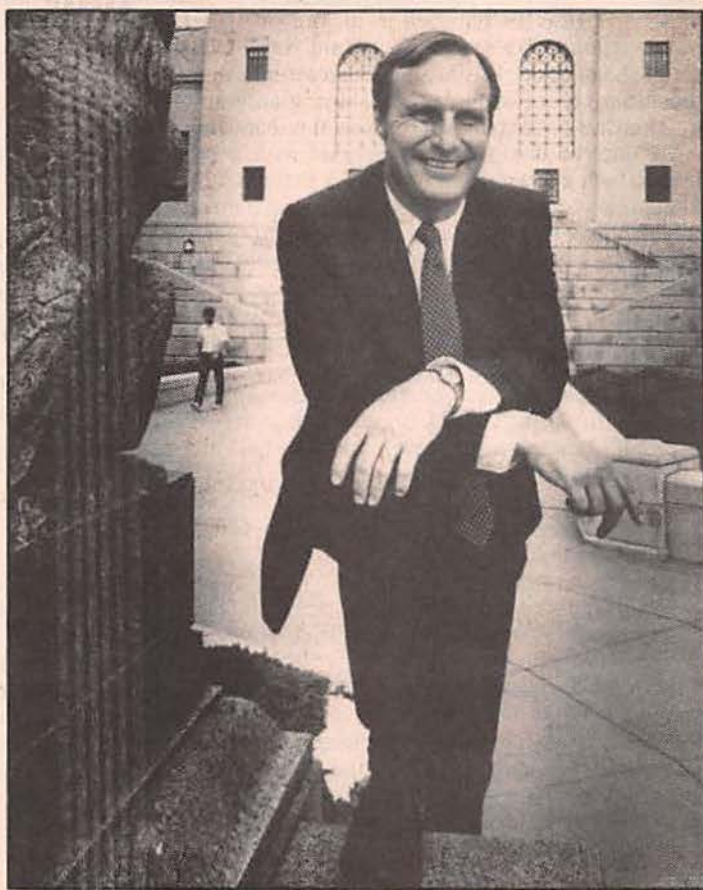






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Virgil Parker stands in front of his campaign headquarters at 1917 O St. Parker, a former sports editor for the Lincoln Journal-Star, is facing Jim McFarland in the race for the 28th District legislature seat.



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State Sen. Jim McFarland poses next to an eagle statue by the state capitol. McFarland, a former Nebraska wide receiver, took control of the District legislatures 28th seat when was appointed by Gov. Bob Kerrey to replace Chris Beutler.

# Parker, McFarland to battle

By Todd von Kampen  
First Down Reporter

Until last spring, Virgil Parker knew Jim McFarland best for "a pass he didn't catch."

The year was 1969, and Parker was in his second year of covering Nebraska football for the Lincoln Journal. McFarland, a senior wide receiver, had met Parker once when Parker did a story on him the year before. Both still have vivid memories of the fourth quarter of the Kansas game when the Huskers, 2-2 and 0-1 in the Big Eight, faced a last-chance fourth-down play from its own 40-yard line.

Sophomore quarterback Jerry Tagge took the snap and looked for McFarland, who made sure he ran a long enough pattern to get the first down. But when Jayhawk defenders broke through Tagge's pass protection, McFarland broke his pattern and headed toward the Kansas goal.

"Tagge fades back and throws a pass aimed at McFarland," Parker remembered, "and it was so far over his head that there was no way he could have caught it. But he jumped up and a Kansas player belted him in the back." The resulting pass-interference

call and an ensuing unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty set up the winning touchdown in a 21-17 Husker victory — their first in a 32-game undefeated streak that didn't end until three years and two national championships later.

"So McFarland's real claim to fame," Parker concluded, "is that he got interfered with on a pass that he couldn't have caught with a ladder."

McFarland chuckled at the memory. "I did catch a few passes (in my career)," he said, "but for some reason that's always mentioned because it was such a crucial situation."

After the season, McFarland went on to a six-year professional football stint, law school and an attorney's career, while Parker eventually became sports editor for the Journal and then for the combined sports section of the Journal and The Lincoln Star. Neither thought much of the other until McFarland was appointed in March to finish Chris Beutler's turn as the 28th District senator. He decided to run for a full four-year term and did well enough in the primary to advance to November's general election.

So did Virgil Parker. The former Nebraska football star would be campaigning for a seat in the Legislature against one of the sportswriters who covered him.

But neither man sees any political advantage in such a characterization.

"When I first announced my candidacy," says Parker, 63, "I'm sure people wondered, 'Well, what would a sportswriter know?' So I had to overcome that athletic atmosphere and sell people on what I can do."

"There's a danger in just describing this race as a former athlete versus a former sportswriter because I think that misses the whole point," says McFarland, 38. "As I see it, the race is between a lawyer who has been serving in the Legislature and a part-time sportswriter and owner and operator of a small business here in Lincoln."

Parker says he brings other qualifications to the race besides his ownership with his wife, Ginny, of Ginny's Candy Jar in East Park Plaza. Before he joined the Journal in December 1967, he put in 20 years as a salesman, sales manager, manager and owner at



radio stations in his native state of Oregon and New Mexico. While president of the New Mexico Radio and Television Broadcasters Association, he says, he began lobbying on broadcasting-related bills in the New Mexico Legislature "and found it to be the most exhilarating experience I'd ever had."

Parker's involvement in politics continued back in Oregon when he became legislative chairman for the Oregon Broadcasters Association and ran unsuccessfully for state senator. But he put politics aside after he sold Eugene, Ore., radio station KORE and decided to become a sportswriter — which he had trained for at the University of Oregon in the late 1940s. He made the decision at a broadcasters' meeting in Chicago and went to the Inland Daily Press Association office there to shop for possible jobs.

"They said Wichita, Lincoln and Wisconsin," Parker says. "I asked (the official), 'Where would you go?' She said, 'Lincoln, because that's the sports-nuttier town around.' I asked, 'Well, where is Lincoln, Neb.?' and she pointed out the door and said, 'That way.'"

Parker says he's had many high points in his career as a sportswriter, including the national championships, Nebraska's near-miss at a championship in 1983 and the controversial 27-24 loss to Penn State in 1982 and "when the sideline suddenly moved." But he says he's been eyeing a seat in the Legislature for several years.

"I'd had a hundred discussions with Beutler for the last six to eight years, so he knew I'd run if he stepped down," he says. "I had to get into a financial position to run."

When Beutler decided not to run for a third term as senator, Parker threw his hat into the ring to succeed him. At the time, McFarland says, several people asked him to run for the seat. But he decided against it.

"I told them I was in the process of building my law practice and it was finally at the stage where it was becoming adequate," he says.

McFarland, a native of North Platte, came back to Lincoln in 1980 after he graduated from Cornell Law School in Ithaca, N.Y. Before he entered law school, he enjoyed

some success as a reserve receiver and part-time starter for the St. Louis Cardinals between 1970 and 1974. He saw considerable action in his final year in St. Louis as coach Don Coryell, now San Diego coach, and quarterback Jim Hart led the "Cardiac Cards" to the NFC Eastern Division title.

"We threw the ball a lot," McFarland says. "Coryell was just great at setting up a pass offense to build around him because Jim could throw the ball really well."

But McFarland's pro career declined after he was injured while with the Miami Dolphins in 1975. He returned in 1976, but couldn't play in the pre-season and was released. He then returned to Nebraska and taught a year at Malcolm before entering law school.

As an attorney, McFarland's first contacts with the Legislature came when he testified in favor of a bill that would have required sports agents to register with the state. He helped with Kerrey's successful campaign for governor in 1982, but he had no plans to run for office himself for several years. Then Beutler resigned his legislative seat to devote more time to his gubernatorial campaign. McFarland suddenly found himself in politics.

"I had no indication that Chris would resign," he says. "I started getting phone calls saying, 'You're under consideration for appointment to the Legislature. What do you know about it?' I didn't."

McFarland then contacted Kerrey, who told him he was being considered to fill Beutler's seat. Conversations with other attorneys who had been in politics convinced him that serving as a senator wouldn't hurt his law career.

"They said, 'Don't pass up this opportunity. You'd enjoy it, it will be an education to do it, you'll get some experience in public service and you'll be better off for it,'" he says. "So we decided a few years of financial sacrifice would be fine."

Twenty days remained in the 1986 regular session when McFarland was sworn in, he says. So he had to learn how to be a senator during the busiest part of the session.

"I knew what a statute was, I knew how laws were enacted, I knew how the committees worked," he says. "But it's one thing to observe the thing from the rotunda — that's

one perspective you get — and you get another perspective from being there."

Since McFarland had to put together a campaign at the last minute, he says, he was happy with the primary results. He finished first in a five-person field with 40 percent of the vote, while Parker had 26 percent and the other three split the rest. All of the candidates except McFarland were Republicans, which Parker says gives him some hope.

"He can have all the votes he got in the primary," he says, "but if I can get two thirds of the votes for all the other Republican candidates, I can win."

Parker says his business background from broadcasting and his candy store would give the Legislature something it doesn't have in abundance. If elected, he says, he would encourage the creation of Nebraska-owned businesses that would bring more jobs to the state.

Economic development is also one of McFarland's priorities, he says. He also wants to make state government more efficient, reform the Nebraska tax system and improve support for education. Past budget cuts have caused NU to lose too many good faculty members, he says.

If McFarland loses in November, he'll return to his law practice. But Parker says he doesn't know whether or how he can continue as Journal and Star sports editor because of conflict-of-interest questions. He took a leave of absence from the newspapers from February to May for the primary and began a second leave of absence Sept. 1.

"I am going to come back on Nov. 10," he says. "Now, how long I stay, I'm not sure. But I wouldn't bump anybody; I would come back in a capacity that won't interfere with things as they're being covered now."

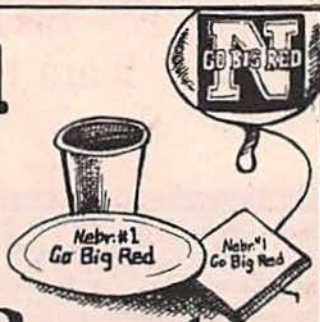
For now, the sportswriter and the former Husker player are more worried with winning their head-to-head contest. Both are confident of victory, but neither wants to predict a solid final score.

"I'll settle for 51-49 (percent) right now," Parker says. "It will be a high-scoring, close game."

"Running a race against Mr. Parker is going to be much more difficult than having to play football against him," McFarland says.

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| RT.....69 | Tom Welter     |
| SE.....86 | Jason Gamble   |
| QB.....9  | Steve Taylor   |
| IB.....6  | Keith Jones    |
| FB.....49 | Ken Kaelin     |
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| K.....1   | Dale Klein     |

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|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
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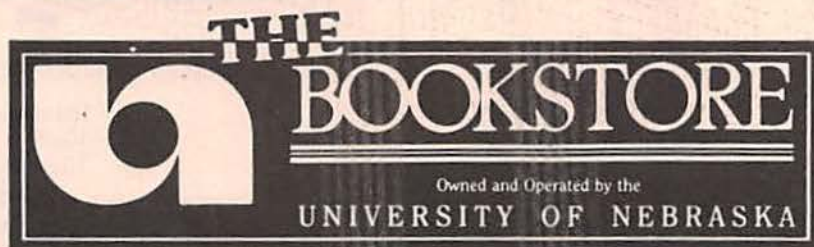
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# Ducks' Miller hopes to avoid pressure

By Capi Lynn  
Special Contributor

EUGENE, Ore. Can constant media attention intrude upon the concentration of an outstanding athlete and have an effect on performance?

The Oregon football team and its fans hope this will not be the case this season when it comes to senior quarterback Chris Miller.

Oregon coach Rich Brooks and his staff, however, are not worried in the least as to the effect of Miller's new-found publicity.

"I think he has it in complete perspective, and I think he is going to have a good year," Brooks said.

Miller is the first to admit the pressure exists and builds interview after interview, but he realizes it comes with the territory.

"All of the media does put pressure on me because people read it every day and go along with it," Miller said. "People expect a lot out of me now, and I, in turn, expect a lot out of myself."

The 6-2, 191-pound Miller is quick to assure skeptics that the resulting pressure will not effect his performance on the field.

"I've become more confident, a better team leader and more knowledgeable about football — especially our offense," Miller said.

These improvements, along with Miller's production a year ago, look to make the Ducks' offense a formidable force during the 1986 season.

Putting aside all the publicity and realizing his improvements over last year, the most important thing on Miller's mind is picking up where he left off a year ago.

Miller was a first-team all-Pacific Ten conference selection and also was the runner-up for the conference's offensive player of the year

honors. He threw for 2,237 yards, including 18 touchdown passes, while completing better than 55 percent of his attempts. In seven of eleven games during the 1985 season he threw for more than 200 yards. Miller also finished 20th in the country in total offense last year (210.7 yards per game), accounting for a league-high 22 touchdowns.

"I'd like to pick up where I left off last year because I had a good latter-part of the season," Miller said recently. "If I can pick up where I left off and be a good leader for the team both on and off the field I will be satisfied."

Miller has done just that and more as the Ducks have opened the season with victories over San Jose State and Colorado.

In Oregon's two victories, Miller completed 48 of 75 passes for 475 yards and rushed 86 yards on 17 carries.

Miller's showing last year and his performance so far this season have put him within reasonable reach of breaking three Oregon all-time career records this year. He needs 1,000 yards total offense and 1,343 yards passing to break Dan Fouts' records in both categories. Nine touchdown passes will push Miller past Bob Berry's record of 39 career touchdown passes.

Staying healthy might be the key for Miller. He was burdened by a pulled quad muscle during the summer while playing for the Seattle Mariners Class A baseball team in Bellingham, Wash., and Salinas, Ca. He also suffered a bruised left shoulder in the opening scrimmage of fall camp.

But neither injury has been serious enough to effect Miller's performance on the football field.

Miller's statistics do not provide a true picture of his contribution to the Oregon football program. He is a team leader.

Being a team leader in all aspects has become an important goal for Miller not only because he is a senior but also because he is the offensive catalyst.

"Leadership is definitely important for a quarterback," he said. "You've got to have a confident look in your eye in the huddle because it rubs off on the other players."

"I'm not a real verbal leader, but I provide leadership more by example and big plays."

For many Oregon fans, predictions on the 1986 season might revolve around the statement "If Miller plays well the Ducks will play well." Although this may prove to be true, Miller doesn't totally agree.

"I can't do everything myself, although I admit I have tried to in the past," Miller said. "But if I play like I'm capable, I think the team will play well."

Brooks agreed.

"We (the coaching staff) expect Miller to be a good leader. Based on his past performance and his performance so far this year we expect him to have a great season," Brooks said. "Depending on what kind of help he gets from the line, he is capable of having the kind of year worthy of All-American considerations."

Miller's uncanny ability to be a double threat to run or throw the football in any situation has opened the eyes of coaches and writers across the country.

Oregon Sports Information Director Steve Hellyer has launched a promotion to gain Miller All-American recognition. Some 1,500 coaches and media representatives were sent a 3 1/2 x 5-inch digital desk clock-calendar which contained a small picture of Miller.

The clock will be ticking across the country, most notable in Duck country, and only time will tell as to whether or not it will be "Miller Time" at the college football level.

## Aron listens to readers, toughens quiz

During the past three weeks I have been flooded with letters from Husker fans that Florida State's trivia quiz was to easy. The King hears you. This week's quiz should offer a greater challenge for those so-called trivia "experts."



Todd Aron

### EASY QUESTIONS

- Who last shutout Oregon in a 63-0 duck shoot?  
a) Arizona St. b) Nebraska c) Oklahoma d) USC
- Nebraska made it's first TV appearance against the Ducks in Lincoln and lost 20-12. What year was this landmark game

played?

a) 1952 b) 1953 c) 1954 d) 1955

### MEDIUM

- Where does Oregon play their home games?  
a) Autzen Stadium b) Duck Field c) Memorial Stadium d) Stantien Stadium
- Ahmad Rashad, the ex-Minnesota Viking star, played his college games at Oregon under a different name. What name did he use?  
a) Theodis Brown b) Johnny Johnson c) Bobby Moore d) Rodney Stone
- This Oregon quarterback has currently passed for over 38,000 yards in the NFL. Who is he?  
a) Ken Anderson b) Dan Fouts c) Ken Stabler d) Joe Thiesmann
- This Duck led the team in scoring three straight years and went on to star with the Dallas Cowboys. Who is he?  
a) Tony Dorsett b) Bob Hayes c) Robert Newhouse d) Mel Renfro

- This Oregon star went on to play in Super Bowl XIX with the San Francisco 49ers. Who is this all-pro?  
a) Dwight Clark b) Russ Francis c) Ronnie Lott d) Joe Montana
- While at Oregon this All-American led the team in receiving one year, rushing two years, scoring three years and is the Ducks' career leader in all three categories. Who is this "Mr. Offense"?  
a) Mel Renfro b) Dick "Night Train" Lane c) Bobby Moore d) Micky Smithers

### HARD

- This Oregon star was known as the "Dutchman" during his days with the L.A. Rams and Philadelphia Eagles.  
a) Roman Gabriel b) Sid Luckman c) Norm Van Brocklin d) Bob Waterfield
- When did Oregon last appear in a bowl?  
a) 1957 b) 1960 c) 1963 d) 1966

**BONUS** — By how many points, within plus or minus 10 points, has Nebraska outscored Oregon in their five previous meetings?

See answers on page 12



# When your work's over, head for the mountains.



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# Heisman trophy list narrowed to nine

The college football season has barely begun, but already various schools are gearing-up their athletes for any post-season honors they may receive.

This year, as many as thirty Division I football players are being mentioned as top candidates for the Heisman Trophy.

First Down Magazine has narrowed that field of prospective winners down to nine. Each week, First Down magazine will eliminate several of these candidates from its list until the week of Nov. 20, when First Down Magazine's choice for the Heisman Trophy will be announced.

**Paul Palmer, running back, Temple** - Finished season as the No. 2 rusher in the country with a 168.4 yards per game average. . . also finished as the No. 2 all-purpose runner with a 193.7 yards-per-game average. . . voted a second-team All-American by United Press International last year. . . has already rewritten 15 Temple records during his three-year career.



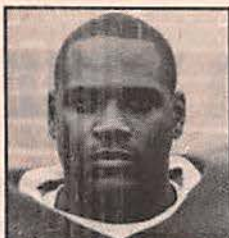
**Jamelle Holieway, quarterback, Oklahoma** - Sophomore sensation who sparked the Sooners to a national championship last season. . . took over for the injured Troy Aikman during last season's Oklahoma-Miami game and guided the Sooners to eight consecutive victories.



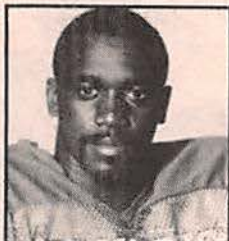
**Brian Bosworth, linebacker, Oklahoma** - Promising junior who, with the departure of nose guard Tony Casillas, is the leader of Oklahoma's defense. . . earned All-American honors as a sophomore.



**Lorenzo White, running back, Michigan State** - All-American as a sophomore last season, White is the early favorite in many Heisman polls. . . set all-time single-season rushing record for sophomores when he rushed for 1,908 yards in 1985. . . also set all-time single-season Big Ten rushing record last season.



**Thurman Thomas, running back, Oklahoma State** - The Big Eight's rushing leader in 1985, Thomas is once again being looked upon for big things by the Cowboys. . . was named the conference player of the year by UPI last season. . . accounted for 18 of the Cowboy's 33 touchdowns in 1985.



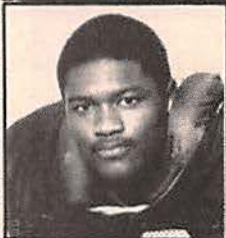
**John Clay, offensive lineman, Missouri** - Touted as a top candidate for both the Outland and the Lombardi awards, Clay has impressed professional scouts with his 6-5, 285-pound frame.



**Vinny Testaverde, quarterback, Miami** - Record-setting quarterback who is also considered a top professional prospect, Testaverde is also considered an early favorite in most Heisman polls.



**D.J. Dozier, running back, Penn State** - After rushing for over 1,000 yards as a freshman, Dozier suffered through what many football observers would title off years when he failed to break the 1,000 yard mark during his sophomore and junior season. . . the latest in a long line of great Nittany Lion running backs, Dozier follows such former backs as Jon Williams and Curt Warner.



**Danny Noonan, nose guard, Nebraska** - A top-notch professional prospect who is considered to be the anchor of the Cornhuskers defense, Noonan is also considered to be a strong candidate for both the Outland and Lombardi awards. . . played in the shadows of Oklahoma's Casillas last season.



## Trivia answers

1. b. Nebraska
2. b. 1953
3. a. Astoria stadium
4. c. Betty Moore
5. b. Dan Fouts
6. d. Mel Beall
7. b. Russ Francis
8. c. Betty Moore
9. c. Nuan Van Brocklin
10. c. 1968

B - 167 points (206-39), acceptable range is 157-177

### SCORE YOURSELF

11 - Hair, bar, pants on fire, hanging from a telephone wire. 12 - You have leathers and water rolls down your back. 13 - You're sick, why would anybody want to know this much about Oregon football? 14 - You frequently fly back and forth from Oregon. 15 - Not bad, but I expect better results from you on the Okie State quiz. 1-2 - You think the Duck quarterback is named Donald and the rest of the team comes from Orange county. 0 - Wise up buddy, Aron is a 26-year-old graduate student majoring in actuarial science. He earned his Bachelor's degree in statistics from Nebraska in December of 1985.



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# Guides changing

By Mike Reilly  
First Down Reporter

Like fashions, college sports promotions follow trends, and Roland Lazenby said he has started a new one.

Lazenby, a production manager with Taylor Publishing's Sports Publications Group in Roanoke, Va., wrapped Duke University's basketball media guide in a hard cover last year. He said it was the first time a media guide was bound that way.

Lazenby said he got the idea from hard-cover sports history books he had produced.

The idea has spread to other schools. Lazenby said he has made guides for five schools this year and expects even more next season.



Bryant

The hard cover guides and their use as a recruiting tool also have drawn criticism. Nebraska Sports Information Director Don Bryant said he hasn't considered using them because they don't serve their purpose of educating the media.

"It's meeting the needs of the coaches," Bryant said. "It's not a media guide. It's being used by schools that are desperate for recruits."

"It has become propaganda for the coaches to give to recruits."

Bryant said the covers also make the guides heavy and difficult to carry.

"The reporters don't want to carry something like that around," Bryant said.

Lazenby, who writes sports for the Roanoke Times and World News before joining Taylor Publishing, said the heavier guides are not an inconvenience.

"I have the least amount of sympathy for that since I was a reporter once," he said. "When we took the (Duke) books to the Big Apple — NIT Tournament in Madison Square Garden, the reporters were grabbing three or four of them at a time. They look slick and they last longer than the others."

Kansas Sports Information Director Doug Vance agreed with Bryant that the guides were difficult to carry, but said that was the only drawback.

"In sports promotions, you're always trying to do something unique," Vance said. "This

was definitely different."

Duke dared to be different, said Blue Devil Sports Information Director John Roth. Five-thousand basketball guides were produced at the beginning of the season, and 1,000 more were made when the team reached the NCAA tournament.

"It was a good year to start it," Roth said. "We thought it represented the type of season our basketball team had."

The Duke guide also caught the eye of Dave Starr, the sports information director at Iowa State. He said the Cyclones' hard-cover guide might replace their two-year-old recruiting book.

"This is something that will stick out," Starr said. "A popular recruit will get about 150 media guides sent to him. He will keep tossing them out and not think what he's doing."

"This may not make the kid want to come here, but at least he'll stop and take a look."

Starr and Vance said the hard-cover guides are popular. They each printed 8,000 guides and are selling them at \$9.95 apiece to defray production costs.

Lazenby said the cost ranges from \$3.50 to \$5, depending on how many pages, processed colors and color photographs used.

Taylor Publishing is equipped to make the guides at a reasonable price, Lazenby said. The firm produces \$60 million worth of yearbooks annually, he said.

The guides cost Iowa State an extra \$5,000, Starr said. So far, 200 have been sold, he said.

"Our goal is to get back what we spent for the covers," he said. "We're already a third of the way there and we're going to start selling them at the home games, just like the programs."

Vance said Kansas has already covered its production costs by not having to produce a separate recruiting book. One-thousand guides were sold, 3,200 were given to boosters, 500 to recruits and the rest to the media, he said.

"I've heard nothing but compliments," he said. "People really do judge a book by its cover."

Besides Iowa State, Lazenby has made hard-cover football guides for Louisville and the University of Florida. He is assembling hard-cover basketball books for the Cyclones, Western Kentucky and Athletics in Action.

Because of the increasing popularity of the guides, Lazenby expects to have about 60 accounts by next year. He said he is trying to speed the binding process to cover the increase.

"Since so many schools have started doing this," Lazenby said, "I guess I've started a trend. It's my baby, and I want to see it reach its adolescent stages."

## SCOUTING REPORT



Brian Mary/First Down Magazine

**COACH:** Rich Brooks (Now entering his tenth season at Oregon)

**RETURNING STARTERS:** 11 (four offense, seven defense). 1985 record: 5-6, including a 21-17 loss to Colorado and a 63-0 loss to Nebraska.

**BASIC OFFENSE:** pro set

**BASIC DEFENSE:** 4-3

**SERIES RECORDS AGAINST NEBRASKA:** 1-4

**LAST TIME THE TWO TEAMS FACED ONE ANOTHER:** 1985

— Nebraska, despite playing in rainy conditions, jumped out to a 42-0 lead at halftime and then coasted to a surprisingly easy 63-0 victory over the Ducks.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Quarterback Chris Miller, cornerback Don Brown, offensive lineman Brad Smith, defensive tackle Dave Maley, punter Mike Preacher, kicker Matt MacLeod.

**GAME NOTES:** Miller, despite missing the final 25 minutes of the Ducks' game against USC with a back injury, completed 182 of 329 passes for 2,237 yards last season... that mark left him just 153 yards shy of the Oregon passing record held by Don Fouts, now a member of the NFL's San Diego Chargers.

Brooks had a major rebuilding task awaiting him this season as he had to replace both 1,000-yard rusher Tony Cherry and wide receiver Lew Barnes. Barnes is now a member of the Super Bowl champion Chicago Bears.

Oregon currently has 12 players active in the NFL, including Fouts and veteran tight end Russ Francis of the San Francisco 49ers.



# Softball coach optimistic about season

By Jeff Apel

First Down Editor

The dark cloud which hangs over the Nebraska softball field will be lifted when the Cornhuskers compete in the Kansas Invitational this weekend.

Nebraska softball coach Ron Wolforth, who accepted the Huskers coaching job when Wayne Daigle resigned earlier this year, said the Huskers haven't forgotten what happened to them before last year's regional playoffs.

Just two hours before the Huskers were to face Creighton in a series which determined who had the right to go to the College World Series, Nebraska coaches were informed by the National Collegiate Athletics Association that they were disqualified from post-season play for two NCAA violations. The violations involved two current Nebraska players.

Amy Love, a senior, was ruled ineligible for 70 previous games since she took a bus trip during her redshirt season in 1983-84, while Jane Kremer was ruled ineligible for 48 previous games after it was disclosed Daigle had violated NCAA rules by paying for a meal at a restaurant for Kremer and her parents during a recruiting trip.

"Our players haven't forgotten what happened," Wolforth said. "Those two hours are very much a part of them. Our hopes were just dashed."

Wolforth said he hopes the Cornhuskers experience before last year's regionals playoffs will serve as an added incentive when the Huskers prepare to dethrone the Big Eight champion Kansas Jayhawks this spring.

With eight starters returning along with a pitching staff which compiled a combined era of .064 last fall and spring, Wolforth said there is reason for optimism amongst the Cornhuskers.

"We do return lots of experience," he said. "We've got a fabulous pitching staff and we will be getting some great leadership from Amy Love and Lori Richins."

Wolforth said the only area the Cornhuskers will be experimenting with in the spring is right field.

With the loss of Heidi Schlabach to graduation, Wolforth said he will alternate Leeanna Miles and Janelle Frese throughout the spring in hopes of finding a starting right fielder.

"It's nip and tuck between them," Wolforth said.

Wolforth said looking at this year's Big Eight race, he is expecting a very-highly contested battle for the championship crown.

Kansas has added some promising young pitchers in hopes of making up for the loss of all Big-Eight pitcher Tracy Bunge, while Wolforth said Iowa State could be the dark horse of the conference since virtually everyone of

the Cyclones team members return.

Wolforth said Oklahoma and Oklahoma State should also be strong this season since they have such a wide range of recruits to choose from every year. Missouri should also be strong, he said. Kansas State and Colorado do not field softball teams.

"It's a toss up," Wolforth said. "I think Kansas and Nebraska will be looked at as the early season favorites, but that could change."

Wolforth said nationally, he looks for the same teams which have fielded strong programs in the past to once again contend for the national title.

Texas A&M and Cal. State-Fullerton will both be very strong this year, Wolforth said, while UCLA is expected to make a comeback from a down year last year by once again contending for the national title.

Wolforth said rather than think about the national championship, the Cornhuskers will spend the early part of their season trying to capture the Big Eight title.

If that is accomplished, Wolforth said the Huskers will then change the focus of their attention towards earning the previously-elusive No. 1 ranking.

"We want to be in a position where we can win it (the national championship)," Wolforth said. "But the college world series, there's so much that can happen to a team there. A lot of it depends on fate."

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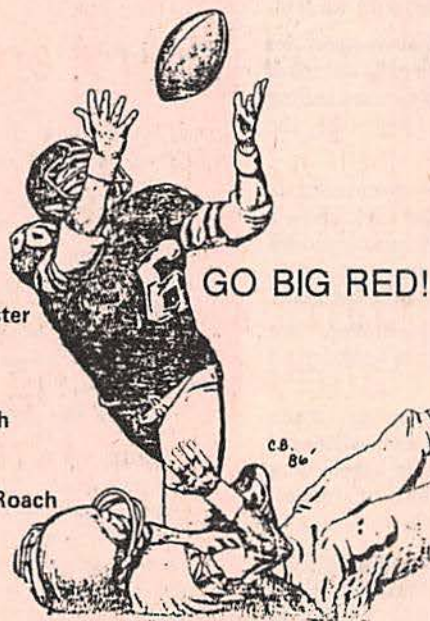
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# Columnist recalls junior high football career

By Charles Lieurance  
Contributing Columnist

It's not that I don't like football. I'm an entertainment writer, often accused of a shortage of the hormone testosterone and the victim of more than one depantsing during my adolescence.

Due to these incriminating circumstances, I was told that I could not write a column for First Down unless I liked football. I do like football. No one believes it when I say it, but I do. Most people think I'm doing this for the money (which they think I'll use to buy tickets to one of those punk rock concerts or something), or because I'm an egomaniac who'd write for Women's Wear Daily if they'd have me, or because I just want cheerleader types to like me.

No. I like football, or I tolerate it. I'm not one of those guys who has to look up "hut" in the dictionary. I've watched a Super Bowl or two. I've bet, won and lost money on the insidious sport. I've drained six packs while hollering for the Cowboys or the Redskins or the Broncos.

I compare my attitude to football with an art professor's (art professor, he said, wink, wink. Mommy's boy) view of abstract art. This professor once told me that it's ridiculous to ask again and again, yes, but what is this artwork supposed to mean, or be, or symbolize — you just deal with what it is.

I even tried to play the game once. I'm no Mommy's boy. In fact I'm 100 percent a Daddy's boy. I climbed trees clear to the top and jumped off. I wrestled in the dirt with the son of a beep that named me Sue . . .

I once lived on Abel 5 with Jim Skow. We drank together. We sort of got along. Sometimes I walked right alongside him and he didn't call me names or hit me, or give me a titty twister or try to pull the waist of my underwear up to my chest.

So there.

A man with biceps bigger than my head never once knuckled by

scalp.

I played football in junior high. We were an eight man team. The coach occasionally referred to me as "scrappy." "That Lieurance kid is scrappy," he'd say and that Lieurance kid would swell with pride. Scrappy, I thought, I'm scrappy. I'd rush into the fray and get knocked silly saying "scrappy, scrappy, scrappy" to myself all the way.

This was during practice. The coach had that look in his eye that said I'd never play pro ball, college ball or eight man junior high ball. I liked the bench because I like football and the bench was the best seat. I got to talk to the press folks. I drank a lot of water out of those great water bottles with the built-in straws. It was great.

One night, aw, you know what's going to happen, I got to play. I don't know how it happened. My position was left end. I'd always been second string left end. That was my position, if I got to play. The coach would say,

"You're second string left end, Lieurance, because you're scrappy."

But I got to play. I dropped the water bottle. I clung briefly to a newspaper photographers camera strap. "Scrappy, scrappy . . ." I said to myself. I ran out onto the field. I have to run forward, I thought to myself as I lined up with the other players. I have to run forward 10, 20, 50 yards, turn left or right or stand still, turn, catch the ball. The ball will come to me. Into these hands, I stared at these hands.

"Hut." There was not time to look it up. I ran forward 10, 20, 50 yards, turned right or left, spun around . . .

Suddenly I was back on the bench sipping on the water bottle. That was it. The coach never called me scrappy again. That was really it. I didn't go out for football again. I never asked whether I caught the ball or not. That left me the hope that someday, when I really needed it a perfect stranger would come up to me on the street and say, "Great, scrappy catch, Lieurance."

That's the end of that story. It's all there is.

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|-----|-------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1   | Dale Klein        | K    | 6-1  | 195 | Sr. | 35  | Kevin Parsons   | LB   | 6-3  | 240 | Sr. | 68  | Dan Bailey       | OG   | 6-2  | 260 | Jr. |
| 2   | Von Sheppard      | WB   | 5-9  | 185 | Jr. | 36  | Mike Hedlund    | FB   | 6-0  | 220 | Jr. | 69  | Tom Welter       | OT   | 6-5  | 280 | Sr. |
| 3   | Gary Schneider    | M    | 6-0  | 195 | Sr. | 37  | Doug Welniak    | LB   | 5-11 | 220 | Jr. | 70  | Bill Hudson      | OT   | 6-3  | 265 | Jr. |
| 4   | Ray Nelson        | WB   | 5-8  | 185 | Sr. | 38  | Steve Forch     | LB   | 6-2  | 240 | Sr. | 72  | Rob Maggard      | OT   | 6-3  | 265 | Sr. |
| 5   | Brian Washington  | M    | 6-1  | 229 | Jr. | 39  | Blake Henning   | LB   | 6-0  | 220 | Jo. | 73  | Derrick Green    | OT   | 6-0  | 285 | Jr. |
| 6   | Keith Jones       | IB   | 5-10 | 190 | Jr. | 40  | Jon Kelley      | IB   | 6-1  | 205 | Jr. | 74  | Stan Parker      | OG   | 6-5  | 270 | Sr. |
| 7   | McCathorn Clayton | QB   | 6-0  | 190 | Jr. | 41  | Marc Munford    | LB   | 6-2  | 230 | Sr. | 75  | Mike Hoefler     | OG   | 6-5  | 255 | Sr. |
| 9   | Steve Taylor      | QB   | 5-11 | 195 | So. | 42  | Mike Carl       | CB   | 5-11 | 180 | Sr. | 76  | Chris Spachman   | DT   | 6-4  | 265 | Sr. |
| 10  | Charles Fryar     | CB   | 5-10 | 170 | So. | 43  | Todd Millikan   | TE   | 6-3  | 230 | So. | 77  | Bill Macias      | OT   | 6-4  | 250 | So. |
| 11  | Jeff Tomjack      | M    | 6-1  | 205 | Jr. | 44  | Chris Drennan   | K    | 5-9  | 175 | So. | 78  | Tim Rother       | DT   | 6-3  | 230 | Jr. |
| 12  | Clete Blakeman    | QB   | 6-1  | 190 | Jr. | 45  | John Kroeker    | P    | 5-11 | 180 | So. | 80  | Jeff Jamrog      | DE   | 6-2  | 225 | Jr. |
| 13  | Craig Schnitzler  | P-K  | 5-8  | 215 | So. | 46  | Chad Daffer     | LB   | 6-1  | 230 | Sr. | 81  | Mark Diaz        | TE   | 6-2  | 220 | Sr. |
| 14  | Jim Toner         | P    | 6-0  | 185 | So. | 47  | LeRoy Etienne   | LB   | 6-1  | 235 | So. | 82  | Hendley Hawkins  | SE   | 5-10 | 185 | Jr. |
| 15  | Wendell Wooten    | QB   | 6-1  | 200 | So. | 48  | Micah Heibel    | FB   | 6-2  | 220 | Jr. | 83  | Brad Tryer       | DE   | 6-2  | 220 | Sr. |
| 16  | Jerry Mlinar      | QB   | 6-1  | 200 | Sr. | 49  | Ken Kaelin      | LB   | 5-10 | 225 | Sr. | 84  | Mike Hall        | TE   | 6-0  | 225 | Jr. |
| 17  | Cleo Miller       | CB   | 5-9  | 180 | Sr. | 51  | Pat Shaw        | FB   | 6-1  | 245 | Sr. | 85  | Robb Schnitzler  | SE   | 5-9  | 175 | Sr. |
| 18  | Vance Behrens     | WB   | 5-9  | 185 | Jr. | 52  | Danny Groskurth | DT   | 6-4  | 260 | Jr. | 86  | Jason Gamble     | SE   | 5-11 | 17  | Jr. |
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| 20  | Terry Rodgers     | IB   | 5-8  | 165 | Fr. | 54  | Mark Cooper     | C    | 6-1  | 250 | Sr. | 88  | Rod Smith        | SE   | 6-2  | 195 | Jr. |
| 21  | Richard Bell      | WB   | 6-1  | 190 | So. | 55  | Randy Jobman    | DE   | 6-3  | 225 | So. | 89  | Broderick Thomas | DE   | 6-2  | 235 | So. |
| 23  | Mark Blazek       | S    | 6-2  | 200 | Jr. | 56  | Kevin Lightner  | OT   | 6-2  | 285 | Jr. | 90  | Harlan Opie      | DE   | 6-2  | 215 | Jr. |
| 25  | Jeff Wheeler      | IB   | 5-10 | 175 | So. | 58  | Dave Bryan      | MG   | 6-2  | 260 | Sr. | 91  | Tony Holloway    | DE   | 6-3  | 205 | Sr. |
| 26  | Marvin Sanders    | CB   | 5-10 | 175 | So. | 59  | Jim Dittmer     | OT   | 6-3  | 255 | Sr. | 92  | Sean Putnam      | MG   | 6-3  | 255 | So. |
| 27  | Jim Holscher      | WB   | 5-10 | 180 | Jr. | 61  | John McCormick  | OG   | 6-1  | 265 | Jr. | 93  | Jon Marcos       | DE   | 6-1  | 230 | So. |
| 28  | John Custard      | CB   | 5-9  | 175 | So. | 62  | Bob Sledge      | OT   | 6-2  | 265 | So. | 94  | Bump Novacek     | DE   | 6-4  | 220 | So. |
| 29  | Dan Thayer        | S    | 6-2  | 195 | Sr. | 63  | John Nichols    | C    | 6-2  | 265 | Jr. | 95  | Danny Noonan     | MG   | 6-4  | 280 | Sr. |
| 31  | Gene Chealey      | CB   | 5-10 | 195 | Jr. | 64  | Brad Johnson    | OT   | 6-3  | 265 | Sr. | 96  | Lawrence Pete    | MG   | 6-2  | 280 | So. |
| 32  | Brian Davis       | CB   | 6-2  | 190 | Sr. | 65  | Andy Keeler     | OG   | 6-3  | 265 | So. | 97  | Tony Palmer      | DT   | 6-7  | 275 | Jr. |
| 33  | Dana Brinson      | WB   | 5-9  | 170 | So. | 66  | Kurt Skradis    | DT   | 6-3  | 250 | So. | 98  | Lee Jones        | DT   | 6-1  | 235 | Jr. |
| 34  | Tyrese Knox       | FB   | 5-10 | 215 | So. | 67  | Ron Galois      | OG   | 6-2  | 275 | Sr. | 99  | Neil Smith       | DT   | 6-6  | 250 | Jr. |



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| 4   | Clifford Hicks    | CB   | 6-0  | 195 | Sr. | 37  | Andre Williams   | OLB  | 6-2  | 220 | Fr. | 68  | Todd Kaanapu      | OG   | 6-4  | 255 | Fr. |
| 7   | Tony Hargain      | SE   | 6-1  | 180 | Fr. | 38  | Mark Kearns      | OLB  | 6-2  | 208 | Fr. | 69  | Eric Hunter       | OG   | 6-6  | 241 | So. |
| 9   | Kirk Dennis       | K    | 6-0  | 165 | So. | 39  | Sean Moody       | CB   | 5-9  | 183 | Jr. | 70  | Brian Hanable     | OG   | 6-6  | 232 | Fr. |
| 10  | Derek Horton      | FS   | 6-1  | 180 | Fr. | 40  | Marty Cleveland  | OLB  | 6-3  | 226 | So. | 71  | Preston Britton   | OT   | 6-5  | 270 | Fr. |
| 11  | Pete Nelson       | QB   | 6-1  | 184 | Fr. | 41  | Alan Jackson     | TB   | 5-11 | 190 | Sr. | 72  | Mark Brown        | OT   | 6-5  | 263 | Jr. |
| 12  | Chris Miller      | QB   | 6-2  | 195 | Sr. | 42  | Mike Blakey      | OLB  | 6-3  | 222 | So. | 73  | Todd Kunzman      | OT   | 6-4  | 275 | Fr. |
| 13  | Michael McClellan | FL   | 5-10 | 165 | Fr. | 43  | Latin Berry      | TB   | 5-11 | 185 | Fr. | 74  | Gary Robertson    | OT   | 6-6  | 248 | So. |
| 13  | Tony Griffin      | CB   | 6-0  | 207 | Jr. | 44  | David Cusano     | DT   | 6-3  | 240 | Fr. | 75  | Rollin Putzier    | DT   | 6-5  | 275 | Jr. |
| 14  | Bill Musgrave     | QB   | 6-3  | 175 | Fr. | 45  | Kerrell Robinson | TB   | 6-1  | 210 | Fr. | 76  | Mike Erlin        | OG   | 6-3  | 262 | So. |
| 16  | Kevin Smith       | QB   | 6-0  | 175 | Jr. | 46  | Brian Thompson   | CB   | 6-1  | 193 | Jr. | 77  | Rob Marshall      | DE   | 6-6  | 232 | Jr. |
| 17  | Matt McLeod       | K    | 5-10 | 165 | Sr. | 47  | Bob Bassett      | FB   | 5-10 | 191 | Jr. | 78  | Rick Walk         | OT   | 6-4  | 267 | Fr. |
| 18  | Jan Cespedes      | SE   | 6-0  | 192 | Jr. | 48  | Leroy Ale        | MLB  | 6-3  | 220 | Fr. | 80  | Sam Archer        | SE   | 6-1  | 170 | Jr. |
| 18  | Steve Kemp        | CB   | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | 49  | Will Stipanovich | DT   | 6-3  | 244 | Fr. | 81  | Eric Elliot       | TE   | 6-3  | 230 | Jr. |
| 19  | Bobby DeBisschop  | TE   | 6-2  | 224 | Sr. | 50  | Rory Diary       | SS   | 5-10 | 185 | Fr. | 82  | Terry Obee        | FL   | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. |
| 20  | Brett Young       | TB   | 5-10 | 186 | Fr. | 51  | Chris Leupold    | OLB  | 6-3  | 218 | So. | 83  | Rod Green         | FL   | 5-8  | 160 | Jr. |
| 21  | Don Brown         | CB   | 5-10 | 165 | Sr. | 52  | Tom Talbot       | MLB  | 6-3  | 222 | Jr. | 84  | Mark Spear        | TE   | 6-1  | 210 | Fr. |
| 22  | John Wolf         | OLB  | 6-1  | 211 | Sr. | 53  | Chris Leupold    | MLB  | 6-3  | 222 | Jr. | 85  | Scott Harter      | DE   | 6-3  | 269 | Sr. |
| 23  | Ed Hulbert        | FS   | 5-10 | 165 | Sr. | 54  | Darrin Golka     | MLB  | 6-3  | 219 | Sr. | 86  | Joe Meerthen      | TE   | 6-4  | 235 | Fr. |
| 24  | Randy Willhite    | FB   | 6-1  | 201 | So. | 55  | Garrett Holmes   | C    | 6-3  | 264 | Sr. | 88  | J.J. Birden       | FL   | 5-10 | 161 | Jr. |
| 25  | Dean Otto         | K    | 6-2  | 190 | Jr. | 56  | Dan Devaney      | OLB  | 6-3  | 221 | Sr. | 89  | Tim Parker        | TE   | 6-5  | 243 | Jr. |
| 26  | Tim Cooper        | SS   | 5-10 | 174 | Jr. | 57  | Kirk Schamel     | C    | 6-3  | 245 | Fr. | 90  | Rod O'Brine       | DT   | 6-3  | 243 | Fr. |
| 27  | Daryl Singleton   | CB   | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. | 58  | Gary Gilbert     | C    | 6-4  | 235 | So. | 91  | Thad Holub        | DE   | 6-5  | 220 | Fr. |
| 28  | Johnny Taylor     | CB   | 5-11 | 180 | Fr. | 59  | Rick Hunt        | OG   | 6-4  | 265 | Fr. | 92  | Matt Brock        | DE   | 6-5  | 251 | So. |
| 28  | Ken Wegner        | FB   | 6-0  | 205 | Jr. | 60  | Scott Skipper    | OLB  | 6-2  | 229 | So. | 93  | Joe Taylor        | DE   | 6-4  | 245 | So. |
| 29  | Aaron Thomas      | FS   | 6-1  | 190 | So. | 61  | Andy Sunia       | OG   | 6-1  | 275 | Fr. | 94  | Steve O'Connor    | DT   | 6-3  | 215 | Fr. |
| 30  | Mike Preacher     | P    | 6-2  | 194 | Sr. | 62  | Chris Husko      | OG   | 6-3  | 239 | Fr. | 95  | Peter Brantley    | TE   | 6-4  | 220 | Fr. |
| 31  | Reggie Nettles    | FB   | 6-1  | 225 | Jr. | 63  | Tony Borba       | OT   | 6-3  | 265 | Sr. | 96  | Brad Orick        | DT   | 6-3  | 220 | Fr. |
| 32  | Gerek Loville     | TB   | 5-10 | 185 | Fr. | 64  | Jeff Stefanick   | DT   | 6-5  | 247 | Jr. | 98  | Jon Eichinger     | DE   | 6-5  | 231 | Fr. |
| 33  | James Harper      | TB   | 5-9  | 187 | Jr. |     | Eric Arnson      | OG   | 6-5  | 237 | So. | 99  | Devin Fitzpatrick | DT   | 6-4  | 230 | So. |